

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 380
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A RESOLUTION to honor Mr. Charles J. Patterson, Jr. on the
occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should recognize those
citizens who in their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and
unprecedented devotion; and

WHEREAS, Charles J. Patterson, Jr. is one such outstanding person, who has served
with alacrity and acuity for 43 years with the Memphis City Schools; and

WHEREAS, Charles Patterson exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic
of a great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Charles Patterson graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in
Memphis and received his bachelor of arts degree from LeMoyne College in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, he received his master's degree in Educational Administration and
Supervision from Tennessee State University in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Charles Patterson began his exemplary career as a teacher at Klondike
Elementary School in Memphis during 1954-1955; and

WHEREAS, he then transferred to Dunn Elementary School and taught there from 1957-
1961; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Patterson was next promoted to serve as principal of Lauderdale
Elementary School and later served astutely as principal of Kansas Elementary School; and

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WHEREAS, he currently serves with distinction as principal of Norris Elementary School from which position he is soon retiring; and

WHEREAS, Charles Patterson has held a variety of posts with the Memphis City Schools, including Personnel Interviewer, Supervisor of the Summer Head Start Program, Director of Race Relations and Director of Public Information, Community Involvement and Race Relations; and

WHEREAS, he proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army Signal Corps from 1955-1957; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Patterson is an active and vital part of his community and his profession and participates in numerous civic organizations, including Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the Tennessee Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. and the Memphis Branch of the NAACP; and

WHEREAS, Charles Patterson also takes time from a very busy schedule to serve as a dedicated member of the National Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, the West Tennessee Education Association, the Memphis Education Association, the National Community Education Association and the National Alliance of Black School Educators; and

WHEREAS, Charles Patterson demonstrates his robust faith in the Lord by means of his meritorious service as Pastor at Mt. Zion Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, his countless accomplishments aside, Charles Patterson is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his charming wife, Curlie and his six children; and

WHEREAS, Charles Patterson's many qualities include the uncommon ability to motivate others to fully realize their potential, perhaps the most valuable of all skills; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, That we extend to Charles J. Patterson, Jr. our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.